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I am writing to wholeheartedly support the petition of the State of Texas to waive the absurd requirements to use ethanol in gasoline. In fact, the entire ethanol requirement should be abolished. Adding ethanol to gasoline is a wasteful, inefficient, politically motivated scheme which does nothing to help the environment but rather is a major factor in raising both food and fuel prices. Converting corn into ethanol is inefficient because the ethanol produced results in less energy value than the energy needed to produce it. Even more absurd is the wasteful tax subsidy and tariff barrier that makes it uneconomical to import more efficient sources of ethanol such as ethanol produced from Brazilian sugar cane.

Wastefully producing ethanol from corn is contributing to raising food and gasoline prices by artificially increasing the demand for corn the price of which has more than doubled in recent years. This price increase disproportionately harms the poor both in the USA and throughout the world and is especially harmful in the current inflationary climate when people everywhere are struggling to feed their families and buy gas for their cars because of price increases.

The entire ridiculous ethanol mandate would not even exist were it not for the fact that corn-producing Iowa has a disproportionate influence on the Presidential nominating process! The Texas proposal is a minor step in reducing the negative consequences that this absurd mandate has produced. Every State Governor should be following the example of the of Texas Governor Rick Perry and demand a waiver from the ethanol mandate.